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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CITIZEN EXCHANGE CORPS VISIT IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION

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1. EMB HAS ELARNED THAT USSR-USA SOCIETY OF THE UNION OF FRIENDSHIP SOCIETIES OF THE USSR IS HOST FOR PROPOSED SUBJECT VISIT. EMBOFF CONTACTED RESPONSIBLE PERSON, NATALYA PAVLOVNA BATOVA, AND INFORMED HER THAT FISHMAN HAD NOT YET RECEIVED VISA WHILE OTHERS IN DELEGATION HAD. BATOVA EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SAID THAT SHE WOULD CHECK INTO MATTER. EMBOFF THEN INFORMED BATOVA THAT SOCIETY SHOULD BE AWARE ALSO THAT, IF FISHMAN DID NOT RECEIVE VISA, OTHERS IN DELEGATION WOULD NOT VISIT USSR AS PLANNED. EMBOFF ADDED THAT INTEREST ON US SIDE IN PROGRAM WAS "HIGH" AND THAT A CANCELLATION OF PLANNED VISIT DUE TO FAILURE TO ISSUE VISA TO FISHMAN WOULD BE "UNFORTUNATE" AND WOULD HAVE "NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES."

2. CONSULAR COUNSELOR ALSO CONTACTED STEPANOV OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AT 1530 WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD FISHMAN VISA APPLICATION BEFORE HIM AND UNDER CONSIDERATION AT TIME OF CALL. COUNSELOR INQUIRED WHEN ANSWER COULD BE EXPECTED. REPLY WAS "IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE." COUNSELOR ASKED IF THAT MEANT BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY, SINCE GROUP PLANNED TO DEPART DEC 4. STEPANOV

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GAVE NON-COMMITTAL ANSWER, BUT THEN DID AGREE TO CALL

COUNSELOR BACK IF VISA IS TO BE ISSUED.

3. WILL ADVISE.

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